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## July Agricultural Prices Received

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Montana's July full month crop prices were mixed when compared with June 2011, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Montana's winter wheat price was \$6.87 per bushel, down \$0.29 from June, and spring wheat was down \$0.33 to \$8.43 per bushel, but durum wheat increased \$0.89 to \$9.95 per bushel. Feed barley was down \$0.14 from the previous month to \$4.48 per bushel, but malt barley increased \$0.27 to \$4.80 per bushel.

The mid-August price for alfalfa hay in Montana was down \$3.00 from July 2011 to \$94.00 per ton, and all other hay was down \$2.00 to \$92.00 per ton. The mid-August grain prices were mixed with winter wheat at \$7.27 per bushel, spring wheat was \$8.40 per bushel, durum wheat was \$9.60 per bushel, feed barley was \$4.77 per bushel, and malt barley was \$5.25 per bushel.

The all milk price was \$21.40 per cwt in mid-August 2011, compared with \$21.00 per cwt in July and \$16.70 per cwt for July 2010.

Nationally, prices for July and changes from June were as follows: winter wheat was \$6.77 per bushel, down \$0.36, spring wheat was \$8.41 per bushel, down \$0.85, durum wheat was \$10.20 per bushel, up \$1.02, feed barley was \$5.04 per bushel, up \$0.30, malt barley was \$5.08 per bushel, up \$0.48, oats were \$3.35 per bushel, down \$0.08, steers and heifers were \$115.00 per cwt, up \$5.00, cows were \$73.60 per cwt, down \$2.30, calves were \$138.00 per cwt, up \$5.00 from June, sheep were \$56.50 per cwt, up \$5.70, lambs were \$194.00 per cwt, up \$5.00, and the all milk price was \$21.90 per cwt, up \$0.70 from June.

The U.S. mid-August winter wheat price was \$7.26 per bushel, spring wheat was \$8.02 per bushel, durum wheat was \$11.00 per bushel, malt barley was \$5.24 per bushel, feed barley was \$5.15 per bushel, oats were \$3.33 per bushel, alfalfa hay was \$191.00 per ton, and other hay was \$127.00 per ton. Steer and heifer prices were \$113.00 per cwt, cows were \$71.10 per cwt, calves were \$134.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$22.00 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 182 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, and eggs and lower prices for lettuce, potatoes, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, sweet corn, and barley offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries.

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Commodity	U N I T	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	July 2011	June 2011	July 2010	15-Aug-11	15-Aug-11
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	4.39	7.16	6.87	6.77	-0.29	+2.48	7.27	7.26
Durum Wheat	Bu	4.21	9.06	9.95	10.20	+0.89	+5.74	9.60	11.00
Spring Wheat	Bu	5.42	8.76	8.43	8.41	-0.33	+3.01	8.40	8.02
All Wheat	Bu	4.71	8.20	8.12	7.10	-0.08	+3.41	8.19	7.56
All Barley	Bu	3.91	4.55	4.72	5.07	+0.17	+0.81	5.13	5.21
Feed Barley	Bu	2.29	4.62	4.48	5.04	-0.14	+2.19	4.77	5.15
Malt Barley	Bu	4.05	4.53	4.80	5.08	+0.27	+0.75	5.25	5.24
Oats	Bu	na	3.04	na	3.35	0.0	0.0	na	3.33
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	80.00	94.00	97.00	189.00	+3.00	+17.00	94.00	191.00
All Other Hay	Ton	100.00	85.00	94.00	119.00	+9.00	-6.00	92.00	127.00
All Hay Baled	Ton	83.00	93.00	97.00	170.00	+4.00	+14.00	94.00	172.00
All Milk	Cwt	16.70	20.30	21.00	21.90	+0.70	+4.30	21.40	22.00

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